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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is responsive to the final Office Action mailed March 19, 2008. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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* not less than 20		** not less than 3		<hr/>	

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